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SUBJECT: FY 1976 TRADE PROMOTION PROGRAM: ETHIOPIA

REF: (A) STATE 048501; (B) ADDIS A-241, DECEMBER 16, 1974

1. EMBASSY CONCURS IN SUGGESTION THAT ETHIOPIA BE DROPPED FROM THE AVIATION ELECTRONICS AND GROUND SUPPORT EQUIPMENT TRADE MISSION IN AUGUST. AT THIS POINT, THE OUTLOOK FOR AVIATION IN ETHIOPIA IN 1975 AND 1976 APPEARS UNCERTAIN AT BEST. AS A RESULT OF CONTINUING ADVERSE PUBLICITY IN WORLD PRESS AND CONSEQUENT LOSS OF TOURIST REVENUE, ETHIOPIAN AIR LINE'S EARNINGS HAVE DECLINED CONSIDERABLY. IN ADDITION, IBRD FUNDING FOR THE HISTORIC ROUTE AIRPORTS PROJECT, VIRTUALLY ASSURED A YEAR AGO, NOW APPEARS TO BE DEAD. COL. SEMRET, EAL'S GENERAL MANAGER, HAS TOLD US THAT BOTH EAL AND THE CIVIL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION ARE WORKING ON A MORE MODEST AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT SCHEME INVOLVING IMPROVING (BUT NOT PAVING) RUNWAYS AND POSSIBLY LIMITED TO ONLY BAHR DAR AND ASSAB.

2. IN VIEW OF ETHIOPIA'S ONGOING TELECOMMUNICATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, THE TECHNICAL SALES SEMINR ON MODERN TELECOMMUNICATIONS FOR APRIL 1976 WOULD SEEM MOST APPROPRIATE. WE BELIEVE THE SEMINR WILL ELICIT A GOOD DEAL OF INTEREST BOTH ON THE PART OF ETHIOPIAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITIES AND THOSE OFFICIALS IN ADDIS CONCERNED WITH THE PAN AFRICAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS NETWORK.

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